

Plant-out-of-place Common Gorse



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Plant-out-of-place Tree of Heaven



EXOTIC TREE

Tree of Heaven

(*Ailanthus altissima*)

Description

- Fast-growing deciduous tree, can grow to 80+ ft
- Smooth grey bark with light chestnut brown twigs
- Large compound leaves, 1-4 ft long, made of 11-25 smaller leaflets
- Distinctive gland at base of leaf
- Winged papery seeds
- All parts have an offensive smell

Habitat

- Tolerant of a wide range of habitats, most common in disturbed areas
- Spreads by seed and root suckers

Don't confuse with...

Walnut which:

- Produces nuts
- Has rough, furrowed brown bark
- Does not have gland at base of leaf



Tree of heaven leaf gland

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EXOTIC HERB

Plumeless Thistle

(*Carduus acanthoides*)



Description

- Erect annual plant that grows 1–8 ft
- Small 1 in long purple flowers are surrounded by long stout spines
- Conspicuous wings on stem
- Deeply lobed leaves are dark green with a whitish waxy coating and white hairs underneath
- Young plants form a rosette (circular cluster)

Habitat

- Rangelands, pastures, grasslands, roadsides, disturbed areas

Don't confuse with...

Native thistles which have:

- Red or whitish flowers
- Unwinged, shorter stems

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EXOTIC SHRUB

Common Gorse

(*Ulex europaeus*)

Description

- Woody, evergreen shrub, 3.5–6 ft tall
- Simple spiny leaves, 1/5–3/5 in long
- Yellow pea-like flowers March–May
- Brown, hairy pod fruits, 1/2–1 in long
- 1/2-in long spines found at base of leaves
- Branches are green when young, turning brown with age

Habitat

- Disturbed coastal areas
- Tolerates poor soils, including serpentine

Don't confuse with...

Scotch broom which does not have:

- Thorny stems
- Also a plant-out-of-place



Common gorse stem



Scotch broom stem

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